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### **Erica Hargis Promoted to Assistant Director of Reentry Services Division**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (March 30, 2018) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Interim Commissioner James Erwin today announced the promotion of Erica Hargis to assistant director of the Division of Reentry Services. Her promotion is effective April 1.

"It's essential to this position to have a well-rounded knowledge of the department and reentry in order to be effective," said Erwin. "Hargis has an impressive record in these areas and I know she will be an exceptional assistant director."

Hargis began her career with the Department of Corrections in July 2009 as a probation and parole investigator in District 4 writing pre-sentence investigation reports. In June 2010 she transferred to District 19 as a probation and parole officer supervising a high risk caseload. She began working in the Reentry Branch in Jefferson County when she was selected for one of the four grant-funded reentry parole officer positions in 2012. While in this role she formed several local community partnerships that she has maintained over the years. Later in 2012 she was promoted to assistant supervisor at the District 4 Probation and Parole office, and then transferred to District 16 in the same capacity in May 2015. In September 2017, Hargis became the reentry employment program administrator for Reentry Region 3 and has been assisting justice-involved individuals with employment support services and employment opportunities in the greater Louisville area.

Hargis has historically been very active in reentry efforts. She has taught the substance abuse program pre-release classes for Roederer Correctional Complex and Luther Luckett Correctional Complex. In addition to these duties, she was an original PORTAL reentry team member for District 19. As a result of this work, she was the recipient of the District 19 Achievement Award in 2011. After her promotion to assistant supervisor she continued to be involved in reentry by becoming a trained facilitator of Thinking for a Change and co-facilitating multiple programs over the years at local halfway houses. Hargis assisted with the creation, development and implementation of the Field Training Officer (FTO) program that is currently being utilized in all 20 Probation and Parole districts, earning her a Commissioner's Award in 2014.

A 2006 graduate of Western Kentucky University, Hargis earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and criminology. In 2010 she earned a master's degree from the University of Louisville in justice administration. Hargis is a 2015 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership program.

**Editor's note: photo attached**

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